

SUGAR

COLLECTION OF CUSTOMS UPON IT,

New York, June 2.—At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, to-day, Mr. James M. Brown, banker, presiding, resolutions were adopted declaring that the system of examination for appointment to places in the Custom House which has ruled during the last few years, has been of substantial value to the mercantile community.

The committee, appointed to prepare a reply to Secretary Sherman's letter to the chamber, last February, in reference to the duties on sugar, presented their report. They declared the Secretary's letter evasive, as no attempt was made to it refute the facts set forth on behalf of importers.

Referring to the trial of the test case of *Webb vs. United States*, at the last term of the United States circuit court, the Secretary, in the trial of the test case, the importers offered no evidence whatever in rebuttal of the testimony of the Treasury witnesses. They claim they were conducting

the court sustained the importers and notwithstanding all the evidence introduced by the Treasury directed the jury to find a verdict for the plaintiffs. The court said that this was his opinion because it is the direct refutation of the allegation set forth by Mr. Sherman in his letter and confirmation of the position taken by the chamber. It is conceded on all hands for the purpose of evading the decision in a case of this kind that it becomes sugar. Scientific treasury agents told the secretary that sugar became sugar as soon as the crystals formed the entire product from the cane, but courts have said that not all sugar commerce and so far the court has sustained the position

the merchants upon which as a matter law they rest their case, namely, that as long as the goods are sold to the consumer commerce the color by comparison with the duties of standard, is the sole test of a dutiable classification. In conclusion the Commissioner remarked that the treasury would aid and good will of the merchants, but that such a course was not warranted, when the merchants are in a wholesale way engaged with fraud, and without any intention in support of the charge.

Col. Frederick A. Conkling, brother of Senator Conkling, made a long speech, in which he stated that he was a member of the committee on the tariff, and Sherman in refusing to rescind his order of September 23, or refund the alleged excess duties on sugar, collected

under its provisions. The committee report was then adopted, Colonel Conkling voting in favor of the negative resolution passed from James Ward & Co., endorsing the copy of the letter sent by them to Collector Merritt to grant the clearance for their steamship, Newport, on the ground of snuggling by the members of the crew. "We," the company said, "We claim that the interpretation given to the United States laws by the officers administering the law division of the Customs House is, to say the least, an unfair one, as we cannot but believe that the United States Government legislator to make the innocent suffer for the guilty. Further than this we officers decline to prosecute the men caught

the act of smuggling, but claim the right to hold the ship and her master for the offense when the written report of the officers making one seizure stated that cigars were found on the person of some of the crew, who were attempting to land them. Thus they desire to make our Captains and officers revenue officers without pay, and our ships' bondsmen for them." The letter was referred and the Chamber adjourned until October.

BASE BALL YESTERDAY.

AT WORCESTER.

Crestview.....	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	1
Trois.....	0	0	0	9	8	1	0	0	0
AT BOSTON.									
Woods.....	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0
Winds.....	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
AT NEW YORK.									
Legion.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legion.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AT PROVIDENCE.									
Wells.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0
Evidence.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
AT NEW YORK.									
Metroplitan.....	3	1	8	1	0	0	4	0	0
Habington.....	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
RIVER NEWS.									
Business Very Dull on the Landing—The Sugar Mill Rolling.									

The Emma Graham passed down yesterday for Cincinnati.
The Courier, up from Pakersburg yesterday, was several hours late, owing to low water.

There was a slight swell in the river at
 stasburgh yesterday.
 The Batchelor is now at the landing
 alting for more water.
 The Diurnal leaves for Parkersburg and
 a Free Ellsion for New Martinsville to-
 day.
 The Scotia is due down from Pittsburgh
 day en route to Cincinnati.
 The river marks at the landing showed
 feet 1 inch and falling.
 PITTSBURGH, June 2.—River 2 feet and
 alionary. Weather cloudy and cool.

CAIRO, JUN. 2.—Arrived: Jas. W. Gaff, Memphis. Departed: J. S. Mercer, Louisville; Jas. Gaff, Cincinnati. River 22 feet inch and falling. Thermometer 80°. Weather cloudy.

EVANSVILLE, IND., June 2.—Arrived,

Golden Rule, Bowling Green, Grey Eagle; started, Golden Rule, Bowling Green. Weather clear; river stationary at 7 feet 6 inches; wind south.

LOUISVILLE, June 2.—River 5 feet in the canal and 3 feet in the chute on the falls. Windiness dull. Weather cloudy and pleasant. Arrived: Bright Light, Cincinnati. He is taking on a big lot of cement here. No departures.

St. Louis, June 2.—River fallen 6 inches, 5 feet by the gauge. Weather cloudy and very warm. A heavy rain storm prevailed here this afternoon. Arrived: St. Mary, Kansas City.

WV, Kansas City; Alice Brown and tow, also; S. C. Baker and tow and Fleming and tow, Illinois; Keokuk and Mollie Moore, lower Mississippi; Mark Twain, yearsburg; Str. Genesieve, Memphis; reenville, Vicksburg. Daparl: Alice Brown and tow and Grand Lake and aarge, Cairo; Tatum, St. Paul; Lewis, Kansas City; Sam Roberts and barges, New Orleans; Goldsmit, Vicksburg.

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